# SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OCTOBER 17, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Director Acton: The Vo-Tech Jr. ROTC presented the American Flag in a Color Guard procession. A brief moment of silence was held for BJ Ayars whose father passed away and we ask for remembrance of that and also LAC Mayor Lauren Pompper underwent surgery in prayer offered by Deputy Director Laury.

Gerald Baber "Could I just mention something real quick in remembrance of Lt. Orlando Pagan you know he suffered a massive heart attack the other evening in attendance was his 15 year old son he works for the Penns Grove Police department in administration now. He did have surgery at ICU at Christiana Hospital he is recovering there now thankfully just remember him also.

Director Acton stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting.

On Roll Call, the following Freeholders were present: Deputy Director Laury, Freeholders Cross, Vanderslice, Ware, Bobbitt, Timberman and Acton.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the September 19, 2012 Workshop and Regular meetings. Minutes be received, approved and recorded in the Minute Book, seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice and a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Freeholder Timberman that the Rules of the Board be temporarily waived for resolution number 17 and 25 on tonight's agenda. Deputy Director Laury seconded his motion, which carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Director Acton "I want to thank the Jr. ROTC for coming this evening you have seen your Salem County Vocational students at work. I know Ms. Bomba's here and she's on the board so you must be just so proud of them and this was their idea to come and to serve so I'm really proud of them also and Laura did you want to introduce the rest of your members?

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Lt. Colonel Laura Hergert Jr. ROTC and today we have with us Kyle Hamilton, Timothy Brown, Brook Kelley and Katelyn Tinklepaugh. Every year our Senior ROTC from Salem County Vo-Tech sells holiday evergreens and this year we are hoping to go to Ohio in June and be able to go to Dayton Ohio's air force base and have a three day trip and this will be our first overnight trip ever and if we raise enough money with our resales we will be able to accomplish that so with that being said I only brought two pamphlets but if you guys could pass it around and look at that it would be a lot of help. The first two pages, I'm going to explain it real quick. The first two pages here are delivered directly to Salem County Vo-Tech and we can deliver it to you at any time right afterwards the last two pages are delivered to whatever address you give us so if you want to send it to someone in Texas go right ahead give us the address it will be sent. We need all the money in and the orders due by October 31<sup>st</sup> so that's in a little less than two weeks from now and the wreaths come in between a week and two after Thanksgiving and with that being said these wreaths are real they are from Evergreen Trees and my mom trust me she leaves it up until Easter it's incredible I don't even know why it drives me in sane but they last really long and honestly they are beautiful holiday evergreens we have wreaths, we have garland, we have centerpieces. If you can pass these around it would be lot of help to our Junior ROTC and if you are wanting to buy anything there is an email address on the back which is our Colonel over at the school email address and he can give any of your orders to me and I can get in contact with you within the next week. Colonel Dauria's email address is idauria2@scvts.org .The bus alone is \$7,500 something at the end of last year we had 46 cadets and we were put on probation so meaning every ROTC has to have at least 75 cadets to be continued so if we didn't get 75 cadets by this June we would have been shut down so we did a lot of recruiting and as of right now we have 93 cadets. With that being said we want to take at least 40 cadets on this trip meaning 40 cadets four chaperones and it's three nights four days and we want to go from Dayton to Cincinnati and on the way home stop at the 911 Memorial and like I said the bus alone is over \$7,000 and we don't really get Air Force money it was cut back so we really don't get a lot from the Air Force so the majority is we have to raise at least \$10,000 worth of wreaths but hopefully we get there and with your help we will.

Lou Joyce, Salem County Planner, a couple weeks ago we met at the Cassidy Farm in Upper Pittsgrove Township Director and Deputy Director were there along with dignitaries from all up and down the State as far north as Sussex County Warren County Hunterdon County. The Event which was publicized very well was the preservation of the 200,000<sup>th</sup> acre farmland in the State of New Jersey but the one aspect of that that I didn't think enough recognition at least locally was the fact that Salem County received a special recognition from the State Agricultural Development Committee as the leading county in total acres preserved in the State and that's under New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program and that was 29,418 acres so we are the leading county of the State of New Jersey in the total acres of preserved farmland. What I will leave with you I think I'll send it around tomorrow since you have more things to do. There was a map that was shown that was displayed which shows the concentration of preserved farmland parcels throughout the state and this will be on our website it's on the website of the State Agriculture Development Board and you can see that we have the concentration. The red area is our county Salem the green is the pinelands the upper green area is the highlands so those are areas of special preservation throughout the state.

Director Acton "I think the Freeholder Director from Hunterdon County said that he's challenging us because he wants to take our place as number one and I said no."

Lou Joyce "Well in light of that challenge I also wanted to inform you that presently we have 229 farms under preservation and again that's with 29,417 acres you have 13 farms in process right now between our county program and the township programs and those 13 farms total 870 acres so by the time that we are able to conclude these additional 13 parcels that are currently active we will be over the 30,000 acres."

Deputy Director Laury "Does that include the Anthony property that's being preserved by the state?"

Lou Joyce "It includes the I think it includes the acreage of that farm I will have to double check that that may I think I'll say no because this is county program and local program."

Deputy Director Laury "That's being preserved by the state so that will be another 100 acres

Lou Joyce "That will be another 100 so we will be over close to 1,000 acres"

Freeholder Timberman "Now what did you say 13 farms in progress and how many acres is that?

Lou Joyce "870 and if we add the Anthony Farm which is being preserved by the state directly that's another 100 acres. Just wanted you to be happily informed."

Director Acton "Could you show that certificate award."

Lou Joyce "I will make a copy of this so that it gets distributed to all of you. This will hang in the Ware Building."

Director Acton "I think that's an appropriate place."

Lou Joyce "We'll make a copy. I'm going to make a color copy."

Director Acton "Thank you so much for coming and giving us some good news."

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **GENERAL**

Joseph Picciano, Deputy Director Preparedness, Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, copy of Grants Tracking System report for the county

Joel D. TeBeest, Director Office of Finance, Department of Human Services, county per diem rates for patients at State facilities and programs for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled

Jessica Daher, Conservation Coordinator, American Littoral Society, ask freeholders to consider passing a resolution supporting the establishment of a sustainable source of funding for the preservation and stewardship of New Jersey's natural, recreational and historic treasurers for generations to come

Essex County, Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Essex, to correct a duplication of the numbering sequence for the county resolutions and county ordinances duly enacted by the Board of Chosen Freeholders, County of Essex

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION MINUTES**

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury to accept and file the correspondence, and the committee and commission reports and that they be made a part of the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Cross. Motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that all Bills and Claims, when properly signed and a udited, be paid and charged to their respective accounts. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Vanderslice. The motion was carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Motion was made by Deputy Director Laury that the Treasurer's Report be received and filed, subject to audit, and that a copy be made available to the public, upon request, for its review. Freeholder Cross seconded his motion. The motion carried a hand vote of 7/0.

Resolutions were read in bulk.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - Acton, Vanderslice, Ware

R. 2012-471

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-003COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-472

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASES FROM STATE CONTRACT VENDORS

R. 2012-473

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

FINANCE RESOLUTION CANCELLATION OF CHECK

R. 2012-474

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO NJSA 40A:4-87 CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948 (\$1,000,000 – 2012/LOCAL BRIDGE FUTURE NEEDS PROGRAM)

R. 2012-475

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT (\$15,000 – PUMA, TELSEY & RHEA, PA)

R. 2012-476

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION EXTENDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR A GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS STRATEGY CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM (\$9,375 – WINNING STRATEGIES WASHINGTON)

R. 2012-477

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM

R. 2012-478

**ADMINISTRATIVE** 

RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT AT THE TEN (10%) PERCENT

# LESS THAN NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT PRICING (W.B. MASON COMPANY (\$105,975.85)

Freeholder Vanderslice moved for the adoption of these eight resolutions, with Freeholder Ware seconding his motion.

Freeholder Laury "Doug resolution 8 should we proceed with that?

CFO Wright "I would yes and if we have to deal with it down the road we will as far as rescinding it."

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

### **HEALTH COMMITTEE** – Bobbitt, Cross, Acton

R. 2012-479

**HEALTH** 

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM TO SIGN AND ACCEPT THE 2013 COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACT GRANT APPLICATION

R. 2012-480 HEALTH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FREEHOLDER DIRECTOR AND CLERK OF THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDER FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM TO ACCEPT THE 2012-2013 RIGHT TO KNOW

Freeholder Bobbitt moved for the adoption of these two resolutions, with Freeholder Cross seconding his motion. As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** – Timberman, Bobbitt, Laury

R. 2012-454

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STANDARDIZED BOARD RESOLUTION FORM (TABLED AT THE OCTOBER 3, 2012 MEETING)

R. 2012-481 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2013 UPDATE OF THE 2009-2013 SALEM COUNTY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PLAN

R. 2012-482

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION COMPREHENSIVE 2013 PLAN UPDATE AND GRANT APPLICATION

R. 2012-483

**SOCIAL SERVICES** 

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NUMBER 002 FOR MEALS ON WHEELS (\$9,975)

R. 2012-484

SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT PROJECT PROPOSAL TO NJ TRANSIT FOR INCLUSION
IN NJ TRANSIT'S CONSOLIDATED NEW FREEDOM GRANT APPLICATION, SUBMITTED
TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION
ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5317 OF SAFETEA-LU

R. 2012-485 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A OPERATING PROJECT PROPOSAL TO NJ TRANSIT FOR INCLUSION IN NJ TRANSIT'S CONSOLIDATED NEW FREEDOM GRANT APPLICATION, SUBMITTED TO THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5317 OF SAFETEA-LU

R. 2012-486 SOCIAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION FOR TITLE V GRANT FUNDS AND AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR AN IMPLEMENTING AGENCY (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Deputy Director Laury moved to take resolution R. 2012-545 off the table, with Freeholder Timberman seconding his motion.

Freeholder Cross "I wanted to thank somebody I know the last time we tabled it for the reason because we did not have the attachment thanks for getting the attachment so that we could review that."

As there was no further discussion, the motion carried by a hand vote of 7/0.

Freeholder Timberman moved for the adoption of these seven resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury seconding her motion.

As there was no discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

# TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM, & AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE – Ware, Timberman, Laury R. 2012-487

TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
RESOLUTION ADOPTING BRIDGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR
SALEM COUNTY SHORTLINE RAILROAD

R. 2012-488
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FY 2011
NJDOT STATE RAIL PLAN GRANT AGREEMENT

R. 2012-489
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
(\$4,146 – PT CONSULTANTS, INC.)

R. 2012-490
TRANSPORTATION, TOURISM & AGRICULTURE
RESOLUTION AWARDING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT
(\$3,600 - LAND ENGINEERING, LLC)

Freeholder Ware moved for the adoption of these four resolutions, with Deputy Director Laury seconding his motion. As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Laury, Ware, Cross

R. 2012-491 PUBLIC WORKS RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM SHARED SERVICES ACT WITH SALEM COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO REPAIR SU-BASE AND PAVE PARKING LOT D

R. 2012-492 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION PROHIBITING NORMAL TRAFFIC SOUTH GREENWICH STREET, COUNTY ROAD #540, EAST MAIN STREET, COUNTY ROAD #581 AND ALLOWAY-FRIESBURG ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #640 IN ALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, SALEM COUNTY

R. 2012-493 PUBLIC WORKS

> RESOLUTION RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING ROCK SALT FOR THE COUNTY OF SALEM AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SALEM COUNTY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM IDENTIFIER NUMBER 75-SCCP (\$297,250 – MID ATLANTIC SALT, LLC)

R. 2012-494 PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR MOTORIST SOLICITATION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 98-115 (ELMER FIRE DEPARTMENT) (WAIVER REQUIRED)

Clerk of the Board Gage "Could I make one comment on number 25. With this application we did not receive the authorization from the DOT so this is a motion to approve pending the DOT's approval. We have been assured via telephone that it is in the works and that it will be done but we don't meet again before the acceptance is required."

Deputy Director Laury moved for the adoption of these four resolutions, with Freeholder Bobbitt seconding his motion.

Deputy Director Laury "I would like to mention on number 22 which is a shared service agreement with Salem Community College to repair sub base and pave parking lot D it's another example of the county cooperating with the college. Both we get paid from the college and they get a deal on the parking because we have the ability to do that to pave their parking lot and to provide them a service a lot less than they can provide outside of the county so it's another great example of a shared service.."

As there was no further discussion, the motion for adoption of the foregoing resolutions carried a hand vote of 7/0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Freeholder Ware "It's like a homecoming for me you know. Even though I was born and raised in Salem this has been my home for 45 years. I would like to commend Freeholder Cross who beat us up so bad on the baseball field our arch enemy the Pennsville Eagles is dressed in Woody colors tonight I commend you for that freeholder. It's also good to see my old buddy there my boss. Ron Udy.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Director Acton "I do want to thank Woodstown Borough Hall for allowing us to use their facility this is another example of us trying to get out into the community put our meetings on the road. Some people aren't able to travel at night long distances so this is close to home for them so thank you whomever came out and this is your home town.

As I said public comment all I would ask that everybody be respectful to each other and you have two minutes to speak and anyone who would like to come up can."

Patti Bomba, Carneys Point, "I would like to add to your comment about Jr. ROTC they do an excellent job wherever they go and it's unfortunate they left but the colonel gave a very lively report presentation at our last meeting and it was a nice reminder tonight that I have the pamphlet at home and I need to fill it out. Secondly, at the advisory board meeting last month Disability Advisory Board meeting it was stated that the Disability Office doesn't have a place yet where they are going to be moved and I would

just like to...would hope you would remember when you're choosing their new home that you remember the ADA regulations and remember that there should be accessibility and also turnaround radius room when you're consider the building with you know they would have to consider the bathrooms and the elevators so please keep that in mind when you're making your decision as to where they are going to be moved."

Director Acton "Thank you Ms. Bomba and I believe that the space study had taken that into consideration I know Freeholder Bobbitt and Freeholder Cross was on that but thank you. You are always such a great advocate."

Martha Rogers "I am here tonight to continue my interest in correcting the unsafe traffic light at Route 40, 45 and 616. I hope you gentlemen haven't lost my phone number everything's been quite I haven't heard anything that's going on so I hope you haven't lost my phone number. I don't have much to report because I have lost my contact and I sort of have to start again. The last person that I had been in touch with in the Third District Legislatures was a John Lowry. Last month before the freeholders meeting I placed a call to Mr. Lowry and was told he was not available I left my name and telephone number for a return call no return call. This month on October 12th I placed a call again to speak with Mr. Lowry the telephone number that I used is Kim Kladogno the young lady who answered the telephone said who is John Lowry I don't know him. I told the young that it was Kim Kladgno's office that put me in touch with him I believe he works in the Department of Transportation. The young lady said she would transfer me. This she did. The young lady who answered the telephone told me that John Lowry doesn't work here anymore so now can someone else help you. I have no other name so I said switch me back to Judy Larkin so I asked her to transfer me back to Judy Larkin. She was on the telephone and couldn't talk to me I told the young lady that I was calling for information concerning the safety of the traffic light at Route 40 and 45. The young lady took my name and my telephone number and said she would have Judy return my call no call back as I expected nobody ever calls you back. I find it very hard to believe that the Third District Legislators are not concerned about their constituents who must use this traffic light. I was told early on that there was no money to fix this light however when I attended the meeting of Governor Christie when he was at the college in Mannington he specifically mentioned that there was money in the treasury in Trenton but the opposing party would not release it and he was frustrated with this situation. If there is money in Trenton as well as escrow from this project why is there is no money to fix this light. The residents of this county have been dealing with this unsafe light for 12 years and I have been dealing with it for two years. It's an unbelievable situation and my last contact with the Third District Legislators that have a problem they have the problem on their radar screen but we need to be patient. I mean patience is wearing out now because it will take time to work out the plan of how they should move forward to correct this traffic light. So I'm sort of at a standstill here I have a group inside of my women's club and they have some ideas how to move forward so we're going to go out on another wing and start another way because the Third District is not interested in the fact that we are dealing with this unsafe light."

Director Acton "I commend you for just keep on at it. Thank you very very much and I know Ben has been working on this."

Administrator Ford "I came by there tonight and I saw that there are camera's up on the lights so that may be a start to help resolve that issue."

Martha Rogers "I have a feeling that things are being done but they are not ready to put it out to public yet and I think that I heard someone else tell me that there seem to be some action at the corner of Wawa."

Administrator Ford "There are cameras on top of the lights so there's an action of someone running through that light."

Someone from audience "There not cameras."

Administrator Ford "They're not cameras?"

Gerald Baber "Negative. they're little beams of laser light that trigger from the headlights of the cars it triggers the trundle the engineer might be able to explain it more."

Administrator Ford "It looks like cameras."

Clerk of the Board Gage "I agree with Evern. The last we had heard with your permission was that from the Third District Legislature is that it had been forward to DOT the plan to be corrected it was forward to DOT and they were studying that they were putting a traffic study in place they were doing a count they were doing everything they were doing and that would be at least to the middle of October before they were done. Once DOT went through that plan and that study then they would facilitate the meeting that Freeholder Laury has requested with all of the participants so the 17<sup>th</sup> of October which is right about now so not to get into any kind of disagreement here but I think that they're on the schedule that they gave us about a month ago six weeks ago that they would be going forward with so I think that maybe you're not getting the runaround so much as we're getting closer to getting an answer."

Martha Rogers "I think what's happening is they are not ready to put it out to the public yet and I sit here and I get no one to talk to me so I thought I got to try another route."

Ann Sullivan, Alloway "I'm looking at item number 23 on page 3. Am I not allowed to travel on South Greenwich Street? What does that mean when you prohibit traffic on 540, 581 and 640?

Deputy Director Laury "That's for the Alloway Parade there closing the roads."

Ann Sullivan "Any other day we're okay but during the parade we're closed?"

Clerk of the Board Gage "It's a permit they're applying for a street closing permit."

Ann Sullivan "Okay I'll stay off that road thank you very much appreciate it."

Diane Wood "I thought if you all saw the article in the paper on Saturday about the vote by mail in LAC I'll tell you a little bit of what precipitated that article I believe. These are two ballots both made out to me both identical. You look a them in the mail nothing wrong same coding on them same numbers on them same everything. This one I got maybe a couple weeks before Columbus Day this one, so I filled it out I was prepared to send it back I got it all filled out sealed ready to send back. I didn't send it Monday because it was Columbus Day and I couldn't put it in the mail that day. Tuesday I get this one in the mail I look at it can't see anything different about it I open it up I really didn't notice anything different about it now you notice that there is a red felt number 2 on this outer envelope after I open the envelop. Now I have a red felt pen home but I thought I didn't get that yet I didn't do that so I call the Clerk's Office said I have my ballot ready to go in and what do I do I got this other ballot. Girl answer the phone and she said oh you're from LAC I said yeah she said just send the one you just got in just send that back in and I said should be a letter or something in it to tell what's wrong with it or why I'm doing this. Well you should have gotten a letter. Well first before she said it she turned around to someone and she got back on the phone you should have gotten a letter or something in with that and I'm not paraphrasing that's a quote. Well there was nothing in it I have it right here in my hand there's nothing in there but another ballot. Well you should have gotten a letter just send that one back in. There was an error in it we need to get the new ballot back in so after I got off the phone from her I called my mother on Saturday when I filled this ballot out with my mother I assisted her I signed here that I helped her with here ballot I mailed hers in so hers was already gone. I called my mom on Tuesday, she's 85 she doesn't know about this so I hope this didn't go on anywhere in the paper or anything because she didn't know about this yet. I called her and I said ma did you get another ballot she said yea I did I said what you do with it she said well we already filled mine out so I put it in the thrasher quote un quote then she called the shredder I put it in the shredder that was alright wasn't it. Sure that's fine well it's fine so then I called Bill Gallo because I wanted to know then what am I supposed to do. I called the Clerk's Office back and I spoke to Mr. Reed I said I have two ballots in my hand and I have a red felt pen what do you want me to do with them you want me to put a number two on this on and send them both in or what shall I do with them. No the ballots are different. What is happening on this is in the second page which is totally irrelevant the fact that the ballot is incorrect just so we all understand each other that that's totally irrelevant to me accidents happens things happen like that. The second page of this ballot is incorrect apparently now I didn't open the one that I had already sealed that's my ballot as far as I'm concerned so I haven't opened that yet I understand that this second page is incorrect and this first page is the same on the two that were sent out so I called Mr. Reed and I said what do I do with these two ballots he said well what's going to happen is that first ballot comes in it's going to be destroyed because we can tell by looking at it that it's not the correct one so you need to send your second ballot back in okay so I'll do that I said but if I get a red pen I can probably send both of them back in right he said oh no that's when he told me again that first ballot will

be destroyed we're only going to count the second ballot okay so he's taken care of me now I won't even I can't even address how many areas there are for error in that whole process but that's a whole other story. In the meantime before I called him I will let you know I called Gloucester County Clerk's Office I said can you tell me if it's ever happened in Gloucester County that you've had an error in the ballot and you had to resend out the vote by mail she said yes it has happened in Pitman once and I said and how did you handle that. She said it was because they sent the ballots out there was a court case and it was found that that name had to come off the ballot and another on put on so they had to resend the ballot. On the outside of their ballot they stamped with the county stamp corrected and duplicate. Okay if I were to get the second envelop with corrected and duplicate on it I might pay a little bit of attention to it plus she said they put a letter inside that indicated what was wrong with the ballot. So now and I'm sorry I got off about it a little bit so when I'm talking to Mr. Reed I said okay so now you're telling me to send this back in but I could send two ballots in. If I hadn't sealed this I could send two first pages back in and I can forget the second page because all the ballots are going in and all the mistakes have happened I'm not sure that that probably could be counted. So then I said okay now what if I don't have that second ballot anymore what if my mother shredded that ballot you're telling me her vote doesn't even count any longer now. Oh no he said what we're going to do is we're going to hold to that first ballot and make sure the second one comes in. I said Mr. Reed pardon me for being rude but you just told me that you were going to destroy that first ballot. Well no we're going to hold them and make sure that second ballot comes in. If the second ballot doesn't come back in we're just going to transfer the information from the first one onto the second one and that's a quote. To make it better than that that's exactly what's said in the paper he says in the paper now if I look on the outside of my envelope here it says it is against the law for anyone except you the voter to open mark inspect or seal this ballot so I'm wondering and I have called the Attorney General's Office and I want to tell you that I'm not passionate about a lot of things I'm not the one that wants to be you don't want me to be on your team because I don't really care if I win or not I'm okay with it as long as it's a good game. I am passionate about my right to vote before Ben whey you prayed for men and women overseas I've been to Arlington Cemetery and seen all the men and women and talked to all the men and women that fight for that right for me to cast this ballot privately. It's being taken from me in Salem County and I'm totally cranked. I've called the Attorney General's Office I spoke to the Attorney General to the gal in the Attorney General's Office and when I had told her that the Clerk had told me that they were going to transfer that information to the next ballot her quote was wow. So I'm not sure where we're going from here guys I realize its an issue with the Election Board with the Clerk's Office with I'm not sure what but and I guess and again we all know that in Mannington it just takes one vote to win or lose an election that's totally irrelevant the point is that I'm entitled to my vote. My mother is entitled to her vote and it's been taken from her and it's wrong."

Director Acton "Diane I can't thank you enough for bringing this to our attention and telling your story it takes a lot to come up in front and it takes a lot for somebody to come up and share their story but thank you very, very much. It hasn't fallen on death ears we hear what you're saying so thank you sincerely."

Diane Wood "Can I get an answer from someone because I will tell you that if I am not satisfied with this that I don't know that everybody that's received this ballot I will continue the search with the Attorney General's Office."

Freeholder Bobbitt "Are you going to reach out the Clerk's Office tomorrow?"

Director Acton "Absolutely."

Freeholder Bobbitt "And you will let Diane Wood know what our findings are?"

Gerald Baber Public Safety Telecommunicator 911 Center "First of all a recommendation today I'd like to give kudos to Mr. Simmerman his police department the Prosecutor's Office the Sheriff's Department and all the entities that helped assist in the investigation today I can't imagine the amount of stress that this borough was under today and still is. People have been working around the clock since last evening with their investigation I hope the freeholder board gives them the courtesy of the appreciation for what they are doing tonight and still continuing to do in the upcoming days. My question is old business this is in regards to the janitorial service at the 911 Center. We still do not have janitorial services. Work release comes in there the job they do is horrendous there was an incident within the last 48 hours that someone made a comment to either a prisoner that was cleaning the building or the supervisor in charge of the work release someone went back to H and R I don't know the details of it

but made a complaint and the complaint was made against whoever voiced a question to whoever the three were who were in the building. The building is atrocious it's filthy. There's dirt everywhere the ladies bathroom I don't even want to bring up the details of what the building looks like. The building is in operation 7 days a week 24 hours a day 365 days a year and for a women to have to go into a bathroom that's basically a spot a pot it's embarrassing. PSE&G uses the upstairs there are training classes on a regular basis all throughout the week I've discussed with Freeholder Cross and also Mr. Ford in reference to this being a union issue. I'm one of the shop stewards, a junior one, but I'm still a shop steward I've addressed it as old business as where are we moving forward with this. I'm being told to pick up the vacuum cleaner and vacuum myself I'm being told to take out my trash I'm being told to clean my own toilet and my own urinal I know it sounds petty but this is a health and safety issue to your employees. There are 26 of us that work there 24/7 there are six of us on at a time thankfully the layoffs did not affect us as a department. The janitorial and buildings and grounds services lost several we only have eight full time janitors that are taking care of numerous buildings but most of their priorities been placed on buildings that don't even work an eight hour day or operate in a eight hour period. I just don't understand that. I hope it's still on the boards attention as old business as where we're moving forward with this. I tried to go through the chain of command with this and I've gotten some answers but I'm afraid with the complaint that was lodged through Mrs. Duffy today and the Administrator that now its an issue that if I ask the gentleman could you please if I bring you my vacuum could the prisoner please vacuum the hallway it's an appearance thing to me If the outsides coming in and we use that for services the 911 Ceremony this year if the public's coming in and sees trash on the floor, debris on the floor, loose papers they're using dirty bathrooms that no one should use again that's a health and safety issue I just wanted to bring that up again and say thank you for your attention to the matter.

Director Acton "Thank you for allowing us to use your facility. Joe Hiles is a Woodstown Borough Councilman"

Joe Hiles, Woodstown "I am here wearing two hats first as a Woodstown Borough Councilman I'd like to thank you for coming to our hometown and sharing your meeting here with our residents. I know we have some residents but we also have some visitors and I'd like to remind our visitors that we still have some good restaurants that are open here in town and good pubs and taverns that are going to be open later in the evening so after the meeting feel free to stay in beautiful Woodstown and enjoy. Putting on my other hat though oh before I do that another thing I want to thank Deputy Director Laury for helping me out with seeking some information about a roadway in Woodstown it happened to be a county road he was right on top of that and got me the information promises to keep me posted so thank you. Throwing on my other hat I work for the Department of Emergency Services along with Gerry also a union shop steward. I just want to echo some of the sentiments that he was making. The moral not only in the Department of Emergency Services but I think throughout a number of the county offices especially dealing with CWA members is extremely low you know we were hit with 15 layoffs and then we open up the paper seems like every other week and somebody else is getting a new position or somebody else is getting a pay raise you know and it's a little hard for our brother and sisters unions and see there and see people like Rose Yetneck who lost her job back in July lost her husband in January without benefits no job you know it's hard for us to sit there and read the paper when we know that our own people are suffering and then you talk about the conditions of the building you know that certainly brings down the morale. You know we go to a place that's in horrible condition and you're a creature of your environment and that just brings down our attitude as soon as we walk into the building. Now I have no problem picking up a vacuum I know we got to do more with less but my problem is sometimes at night like Gerry said we are a 24 hour 365 day operation at night when our supervisors aren't there to go get trash bags or toilet paper or paper towels now we have to go on a scavenger hunt looking for these items and there's even been couple times when we had to run down to the Wawa to go get some toilet paper. That's ridiculous that's not the way to run a business and that's certainly not the way to run a county. Thank you."

Freeholder Bobbitt "Julie what are we going to do about that who's in charge are you going to check with Sheriff Miller see about get a little bit more either some more prisoners or better supervision or how are we going to get this resolved."

Director Acton "I will refer to Freeholder Cross to speak with Sheriff Miller since he's under his and Freeholder Laury's department and we will address all these concerns absolutely, absolutely without a question."

Gerald Baber "Remember they are not allowed in our section of the building work release cannot go in where we are. It's prohibited by Homeland Security it's not even an option."

Freeholder Cross "Madam Director if I could and I know this is public comment and it's not a time to go back and forth but it's an opportunity for us just to hear what you have to say. This has been discussed at the staff meetings at the OEM and as I said in the workshop unfortunately because of the passing of BJ Ayars father and Jeff Pompper's family member the staff meeting was postponed and it's going to be postponed to a later date. I would hope Gerry you know as well and Joe that I would have heard that. I haven't heard anything from the very first time since implementation of the new since the layoffs and restaffing out there and having the inmate population coming in and clean there are areas that they don't have access to there are some chemicals and closets they don't have access to but there is one sergeant that was very good. We discussed it with Sgt. Miller and Warden Skradzinski about getting that individual prepping the various crews so that there is spontaneity from in carry over from crew to crew gearing up for weekends making sure that there are paper products and all these things so we will reinforce them I apologize again unfortunate circumstances led to the staff meeting being cancelled I would have hoped that I would have heard them and we will deal with them at the next opportunity to get together but I will address that first thing tomorrow."

Phil Jones, Pittsgove Township "Over the past few years when we are having elections we have sample ballots sent out and the last two or three times my sample ballot either shows up the day of the election or afterwards. This past year I called, complained about it and it wasn't a satisfactory conversation and now we're having ballots sent out that you may toss it away you may keep it. Is the same person still in charge over there?"

Director Acton "It's County Clerk Gilda Gill she is the County Clerk."

Phil Jones "That's who I spoke to yes"

Director Acton "She is and then she has a deputy clerk and that is...."

Phil Jones "Which sits next to her in the building. Down the hallway?

Director Acton "Down the hallway because she oversees the office."

Phil Jones "Well she referred me to that same fellow in the conversation she don't tell me."

Freeholder Bobbitt "How long ago was this you were talking to that fellow?"

Phil Jones "Not this election it was election last."

Director Acton "That was Mr. Stiles from Elmer."

Phil Jones "But anyway then after I talked to one of the girls on the phone they said well his office is next to hers and it required me calling again to finally get through but I guess what I'm starting to say or get to is we only get one vote and what is so difficult about doing this year after year and having these mistakes if you have the same people in the same positions."

Director Acton "I have this written down and I will put this on my list to talk to her about."

Phil Jones "That definitely is an irritation. Thank you."

Director Acton "Thank you. Thank you for coming. Again I thank you all for coming out this evening please don't be strangers come back again. Our next meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop Meeting at 6:15 Regular Meeting at 7:30 we are going to be back at the Old Courthouse in Salem and we welcome your input and anyone who like to speak we always encourage it and thank you for getting up"

Deputy Director Laury motioned to adjourn and seconded by Freeholder Timberman and carried by hand vote 7/0 at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Earl R. Gage Clerk of the Board